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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDENORI SHIOTSUKA ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/244,163)
Filed: February 4, 1999)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE,)
SOLAR CELL MODULE AND)
METHODS FOR THEIR)
DISMANTLEMENT : July 27, 1999

Examiner: D. Hardy

Group Art Unit: 2815

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action dated June 28, 1999, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified case.

Remarks

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of two patentably distinct inventions:

Group I - claims 1-8, 25-32 and 49-56, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 634; and

Group II - claims 9-24, 33-48 and 57-62, drawn to a method of making semiconductor devices, classified in class 438, subclass 1+.